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*Abstract*

A video decoder User interface system supports decoding, recording and other applications including the addition of new decoder features and the conversion of data formats between read-only and recordable formats, for example.

- 10 The system involves generating a menu from stored data representative of a pre-formed menu containing a menu icon permitting User selection of data format conversion of packetized data from a read-only data format to a different recordable data format. The system generates navigation parameters that are compatible with the recordable data format and incorporates them in output data in response to User
- 15 selection of the menu icon. In another feature, the pre-formed menu also contains an inactive menu icon that is activated by associating and linking an active command with the inactive menu icon.

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